

**Questions to Consider:**

1. At first glance, what stands out for you in Doug Willm’s thinking above?
   1. What do you think he has right?
   2. What doesn’t resonate with you?
2. In his research, Doug Willms suggests seven implications for Alberta schools to help build student engagement. One of his suggestions is to:

*“identify an intervention to build literacy skills”. He goes on to say, “struggling readers are the most vulnerable to being disengaged from school. Building literacy skills is far more important than subject-matter content”.*

* 1. What are your thoughts around this statement?
  2. How does this statement reflect the current practices in your school?
  3. What are the challenges and opportunities around this statement?

1. This might be an *interesting* conversation for your staff – how might you have this conversation beyond our work today?

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**Student Engagement in Alberta Schools**

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